



**Government of Pakistan
Directorate General of Trade Organizations
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)
Ministry of Commerce,
State Life Building No. 7, 2nd Floor, Blue Area,



F. No. 6(58)/2023-TO

Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 77/2023

Passed by Mr. Umar Dad Afridi, Regulator of Trade Organizations

Mr. Zain Iftikhar nominee of Khanewal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Versus

Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry
(FPCCI)

Present in the hearing.

1. Mr. Ghulam Sabir, Advocate

.....Appellant/Complainant

1. Ms. Mahreen Razzak (on behalf of
Secretary General FPCCI)

.....Respondents

2. Mr. Arshad Khurshid
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

3. Mr. Anjum Rasheed Bawa
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)

4. Mr. Ali Nawaz Kharral, Advocate (on
behalf of Respondents)

Date of Hearing: 01-12-2023

**Place of Hearing: OFFICE OF REGULATOR OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,
STATE LIFE BUILDING NO.7, 2ND FLOOR, BLUE AREA,
ISLAMABAD.**

Date of issuance of Order: 06-12-2023

UMAR DAD AFRIDI
Regulator of Trade Organizations
Directorate General of Trade Organization
Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Zain Iftikhar nominee of Khanewal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding exclusion of Mr. Zain Iftikhar nominee of Khanewal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The case was fixed for hearing on 01-12-2023 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that the Election Commission FPCCI, vide decision No. 50, dated 23-11-2023, excluded the name of Zain Iftikhar Ch. (Corporate), nominee from KCCI from the provisional voters list, and upheld the decision of Secretary General FPCCI, dated 15-11-2023. That the head-office of the nominee's Company is in Lahore, whereas, his manufacturing unit is situated in Multan. Only issue is that he has rented an office in Khanewal, which cannot be termed as valid nomination from the said Chamber.

3. The counsel of the appellant submitted all the relevant documents, rent agreement, office address, business concern in the relevant district of jurisdiction of license. Furthermore, appellant submitted that he is a bonafide member of the Chamber and fulfills the criteria of Rule 2(1)(g) of TORs, 2013.

3. The counsel of the Respondent objected that main manufacturing unit of the nominee business concern / company are situated in Lahore and Multan, as such he has no business concern in the relevant district, hence, his membership is invalid.

FINDINGS:-

The Respondent has provided elaborate evidence to vindicate his claim that he is both a bonafide member of the Khanewal Chamber and fulfills the criteria of corporate membership in the Chamber and is a valid nominee for FPCCI election 2024-25. As per verification of NTN profile the business of appellant at District Khanewal. Therefore, the appellant has fulfilled the criteria of membership of Khanewal CCI under ToA 2013 and ToRs 2013.

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ORDERS: -

Arguments heard, record perused and relevant provisions of law examined in light of the above the following orders are passed:

- i) The instant appeal is allowed. The order of the Election Commission FPCCI is hereby set-aside. The Secretary General is directed to include the name of Mr. Zain Iftikhar nominee of Khanewal CCI in the voter list of FPCCI election 2024-25.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.



(Umar Dad Afridi)
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated: 06-12-2023.

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